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MICHAEL S. GRECO
PRESIDENT, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Michael S. Greco, a partner in the Boston office of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham, LLP, is President of the American Bar Association. He became president in August 2005, at the Association's Annual Meeting in Chicago.

A trial lawyer with more than 30 years of litigation experience, he has also served as arbitrator and mediator in complex business and other disputes on both the state and national levels.

He earned his J.D. from Boston College Law School in 1972, where he served as Editor in Chief of the *Boston College Law Review* and as class president, and then clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He earned his B.A. in English from Princeton University in 1965. Prior to law school he taught English at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H.

He has long been active in the ABA, including serving in the House of Delegates since 1985 and as the elected State Delegate from Massachusetts during 1993-2004. He has chaired the Association's Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary, Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, Executive Committee of the Conference of State Delegates, Steering Committee of the Nominating Committee, the ABA Day in Washington Planning Committee, and other committees. After September 11, 2001, he served on the ABA Task Force on Terrorism and the Law, and also served on the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security and the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession.

In Massachusetts he served as president of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the New England Bar Association, the New England Bar Foundation and the Board of Trustees of Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education. As MBA president he and the governor appointed a blue-ribbon Commission on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children, whose report and recommendations led to enactment of new statutes protecting the legal rights of children. He chaired the first-in-the-nation Massachusetts Legal Needs for the Poor Assessment and Plan for Action, and was co-founder and co-chair of Bar Leaders for Preservation of Legal Services for the Poor, a national grassroots organization that helped preserve the Legal Services Corporation in the 1980s. By appointment of the Justices of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court he chaired the Court's Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services.

He also served on the Board of Overseers of the Newton-Wellesley Hospital, and as Vice-Chair of the Board of Bar Overseers of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. He served for eight years on Gov. William Weld's state Judicial Nominating Council, and on the Commission on Federal Judicial Appointments.

He spent his youth in Hinsdale, Illinois, and has resided in Wellesley, Massachusetts, with his wife and children for the past thirty years.